

Discovery at Ohio State: New Thought for Food - MARCH 2021

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## Making Art and Agri-Culture Visible: Reflections from InFACT Executive Committee Member Michael Mercil

On the eve of his retirement, **InFACT Executive Committee Member Michael Mercil** talked with us about his work to make art and agri-Culture visible at Ohio State and beyond. Click the link below to learn about the tremendous impact he has had on InFACT, including helping to create the group's new [strategic plan](#).



Mercil at *Site set-aside* (2017-ongoing)

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## Transforming Food Systems with New Supply Chain Infrastructure

As part of our overall [strategic plan](#), and in combination with our [research agenda](#) and the recently announced initiative to open a [food systems clinic](#), InFACT is now gearing up to fulfill the dream of developing innovative financing strategies for new and redeveloped food system infrastructure that will be needed to serve the growing



demand for more regionally sourced and sustainably grown food. Reimagined and rejuvenated supply chain infrastructure will be as important to increasing diversified agriculture in Ohio as to supporting health-conscious consumers regardless of socioeconomic status. Read **InFACT Executive Director Brian Snyder's** essay at the link below to learn more.

[Read the Essay](#)

## Program Assistant Position Available

**InFACT Faculty Director Casey Hoy** and **Program Coordinator Angela Blatt** are seeking a Program Assistant to work on the **WK Kellogg Foundation** funded **Buckeye ISA Project**, supporting a network of small scale producers in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Columbus and the central Ohio region. If you're interested, click below to see the job description and apply soon!



**BuckeyeISA**

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### InFACT AFFILIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

[Drawing a Line in the Mud: Scientists Debate When 'Age of Humans' Began](#)

**InFACT faculty hire Nick Kawa, assistant professor in anthropology, was interviewed and quoted extensively for NPR's *Morning Edition*.**

[Global Water Institute Leads Effort to Improve Water and Food Security with the Navajo Nation](#)

**InFACT faculty hire Leah Bevis and faculty affiliate Mary Rodriguez are leading research efforts in a water and food security project to benefit the Navajo Nation.**

[Undisciplined: Death in the Soil](#)

**InFACT faculty hire Erin Lin, assistant professor in political science, was interviewed for NPR's *Undisciplined* program.**

[American Bombing 50 Years Ago Still Shapes Cambodian Agriculture](#)

**Erin Lin's research was also prominently featured in *The Economist*. A PDF version of the article is [here](#).**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Grounded Hope Podcast Episode Two "Black Farming" now available](#)

[Coffee with the Master Gardeners from OSU Extension](#)

**April 3, 2021, 8:00 - 10:00am**

[Free Spring/Summer Vegetable Garden Seed Distribution from OSU Extension](#)

**April 3, 2021, 11:00am - 1:00pm**

[OSU Time for Change: Mitigating Food Waste - An Expert Panel Discussion](#)

**April 6, 2021, 5:00pm**

[NSF "Large Facilities Workshop" Webinar Series](#)

**April 7, 2021, 11:00am**

[APOP & SFC Spring 2021 Lecture Series – Adaptation and Resilience: Food, Food Security, and Food Systems in and outside of Central Ohio](#)

**April 13, 2021, 6:00 - 7:15pm**

[The Power of Food: Cultivating Equitable Policy through Collective Action –](#)

**Kansas City, MO**

**September 20-22, 2021**

## FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Graduate Student Grants](#)

**Deadline: April 8, 2021**

[InFACT Linkage and Leverage grant](#)

**Deadline: April 9, 2021**

[NIFA's Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program](#)

**Deadline: May 3, 2021**

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development](#)

**Deadline: July 1, 2021**

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems](#)

**Deadline: July 1, 2021**

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science](#)

**Deadline: July 29, 2021**

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